

IMB: All workers in Ebola areas safe

JOHANNESBURG (BP and local reports) — The International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention has issued a statement indicating all its personnel in Ebola-stricken West Africa are safe.

IMB's statement reads, "IMB personnel continue to monitor the Ebola epidemic. Our medical coordinators in West Africa have been in touch with Southern Baptist missionaries in the region to keep them informed of the changing situation. Currently in the affected areas, IMB has personnel in Guinea and Liberia, but not in Sierra Leone." IMB indicated there are no plans at this time to ask personnel to leave their homes in those countries.

The number of Ebola-related deaths in West Africa approaches 730, with more than 1,300 cases now reported in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria, according to the World Health Organization.

Two Christian American aid workers, one with Samaritan's Purse and the other with SIM (Serving in Mission), became infected and remain in serious condition. One American doctor was transported to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta over the weekend for further treatment, and a co-worker is expected to arrive in Atlanta in the next few days, according to news reports.

News reports also indicate one other American doctor has been infected. It was not known at press deadline whether he will be also transported to the U.S. for treatment.

A number of American public health officials have said the Ebola virus can be contained using advanced isolation protocols, and that it is survivable if the patient is in good health before the disease is contracted and treatment is started as soon as possible.

The Ebola virus is highly contagious, though not airborne. It is believed most new infections are caused by unprotected contact with victims and victims' body fluids, especially in the final stages of the disease and after death.

Baptists' best and brightest

MS Super Summer trains tomorrow's Christian leaders

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

Mississippi Baptists' best and brightest young people turned out strong on June 14-18 for Super Summer 2014 at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Super Summer is an intense, week-long camp setting designed to assist in the development and training of young people who have displayed a high level of spiritual growth and leadership in their local churches. The annual event is in its 28th year in Mississippi.

"Super Summer is not for everyone," states the event brochure. "It is designed for students who personally have a desire to grow spiritually. Students come to Super Summer knowing that they will be challenged not only to grow, but to actively share their faith with others."

The requirements to participate are lofty, including a demonstrated devotion to prayer and sexual purity, com-

mitment to church attendance and student ministry activities, Scripture memorization, and an essay.

"Super Summer is unlike any other camp. It is not designed for the entire youth group. It is designed for students who are already committed to growing in Christ and have a strong desire to go deeper," the event brochure states. "Super Summer is an incredible experience, and we want to do all we can to keep that standard high."

Program personalities were Rob Wilton, lead pastor of Village Church in New Orleans, speaker; Casey Darnell, worship leader/song writer from Atlanta, worship leader; and Mark Keyes of Infusion Ministries in Knoxville, Tn., adult school leader.

"For 28 years, Super Summer has remained true to its mission of training student leaders in discipleship, evangelism, and Christian leadership,"

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PRAISE TIME — More than 1,300 participants joined in praise and worship July 14-18 at the annual Super Summer celebration at Mississippi College in Clinton. The event is sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and supported by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

Historian: Russian, Ukrainian Baptists at odds over conflict

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Russian and Ukrainian Baptist unions

have each cited biblical principle in justifying their opposing views of the 2014 Ukrainian revolution, but they appear to still maintain fellowship beyond their differences, historian Albert Wardin told Baptist Press.

The Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (RUECB) stirred controversy at its May 30th congress in St. Petersburg, when it cited Proverbs 24:21, "Do not join with rebellious of-

ficials," in questioning the Ukrainian revolution.

Russian Baptists also wrote a letter praising Russian President Vladimir Putin as a champion of civil peace and harmony in Russian society, said Wardin, a retired history professor who taught at Baptist-affiliated Belmont University in Nashville.

Conversely, Ukrainian Baptists support the Ukrainian revolution as a Christian response to governmental corruption — while also condemning Russian Baptists' praise of Putin.

"The Russian union [of Baptists] still respects the president of the Ukrainian union [of Baptists]. So I don't think there's any breaking of real fellowship," War-

din told Baptist Press. "When it all comes to pass, I think it can be pretty well overcome but for the time being, the politics really divide them. They go their separate ways right now. They've both expressed different views in their press releases."

Wardin, the author of many books on the history of Baptists and other Protestants in Eastern Europe, relayed information in an email update from William Yoder, media spokesperson for the Russian Evangelical Alliance in Moscow.

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From the editor

WILLIAM PERKINS

Well, which is it?

Last week proved to be another of the seemingly endless times of sadness for Mississippi's unborn babies, and another indication of our nation's multiple personalities when it comes to the importance of human life.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans on July 29 struck down Mississippi's hard-won abortion law, ruling that the law denied women their right to abortion on demand as guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution. Of course, pro-life supporters have always argued that the U.S. Supreme Court fashioned that right out of thin air in their 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

The three judges ruled 2-1 against the law. E. Grady Jolly, a Louisville (Ms.) native who was appointed to his judgeship by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, and Steven A. Higginson, a Massachusetts native who was appointed by U.S. President Barack Obama, voted in the majority to strike down the law. Emilio M. Garza, a Texas native appointed by U.S. President George H.W. Bush, was the lone vote in favor of upholding the law.

Jolly and Higginson, writing in the majority, stated, "Pre-viability, a woman has the constitutional right to end her pregnancy by abortion," and the Mississippi law "effectively extinguishes that right within Mississippi's borders."

Governor Phil Bryant, who supported the abortion law during its winding journey through the Mississippi Legislature and then signed it into law in 2012, said in a July 29 statement, "I am disappointed that two judges concluded that HB 1390 is unconstitutional. This measure is designed to protect the health and safety of women who undergo this potentially dangerous procedure, and physicians who provide abortions should be held to the same standards as physicians who perform other outpatient procedures."

Nancy Northup, president and CEO of the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York City, whose organization believes the Mississippi law was the result of a conspiracy of "anti-choice politicians," was elated.

"Today's ruling ensures women who have decided to end a pregnancy

will continue, for now, to have access to safe, legal care in their home state," she said. "The promise of the U.S. Constitution is one that ensures all of our rights are protected no matter where we happen to live. We will continue this fight to ensure the fundamental rights established by the U.S. Supreme Court more than 40 years ago remain a reality for women in Mississippi and across the country."

Now contrast that celebration of death with the spellbinding rescue over the weekend of Kent Brantly, an American physician working for a Christian aid organization who recently contracted Ebola while serving in Monrovia, Liberia.

On August 2, a specially-equipped Gulfstream jet, outfitted for just such a dangerous mission, was quickly dispatched to bring Brantly back to the U.S. for treatment. Even though some observers feared having a case of the deadly and highly communicable Ebola virus in the U.S., no talent or expense was spared in the race to save his life.

From the moment Brantly arrived at the Atlanta airport until he was safely transported by ambulance to an advanced isolation unit at Emory University Hospital, television station helicopters tracked his dramatic voyage over Atlanta city streets for a breathless American viewing audience.

Reports earlier this week indicated that Brantly was already showing improvement, as preparations were being made to fly a second American aid worker from Africa to Atlanta for Ebola treatment.

Inarguably, Kent Brantly's life is worth saving at any cost. The inexplicable part is that Americans don't believe everyone is worth the effort. On the one hand, there is Kent Brantly's amazing story, and on the other hand are the thousands of humans just like him who will needlessly die as a result of this single court ruling, in the single state of Mississippi.

It's a clear case of multiple personalities — not of the mind, but of the heart. There is only one doctor and one treatment for such a devastating spiritual disease, and that's Jesus Christ.

Let's get cured, and quickly. We won't be any good to Him until we do (Psalm 82:2-4).

One team, one harvest

As laborers for Jesus, we are all working to reap a harvest through the Gospel. We plant, we water, and we harvest.

However, we don't always get to do all three things with the same person. Sometimes we're the one who plants the Gospel in a person's life. At other times we're the one who waters that Gospel so that it might take root, grow, bloom, and bear fruit. Still other times we are the one who gets to harvest that soul by leading them to faith in Jesus Christ.

Of course, it's God who brings the growth and the harvest, but He uses human agents to bring it about (Matthew 9:37-38).

If we were to poll people in church pews about which phase of Gospel ministry in which they would most like to be a part — planting, watering, or harvesting — I believe the overwhelming majority would choose harvesting. However, we must never forget that although those who plant, water, and harvest may be different people, they are one team.

As God tells us through the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

The church universal is one team. When one person harvests, all those who planted and watered get the harvest as well. It's a team harvest with all glory going to God.

This glorious truth hit me on Sunday morning, June 22, as I was preparing to baptize my oldest son Zachariah. Sitting out there in the pews of Eastwood Church in Bowling Green, Ky., were



Guest opinion
with Ben Simpson

representatives of two congregations. Of course, Eastwood was there, but so were about 20 or so folks from my former church, West Main in Alexandria, Tn., who had come to see my son baptized.

As I sat there, the Lord reminded me, "One plants, one waters, one harvests." For six years, West Main Church planted and watered the Gospel in my son, and just two weeks after moving to Eastwood Church in early May, my son came to Christ.

Yes, Eastwood harvested, but what about West Main? It absolutely did as well. We must never forget that everybody who had worked to see my son saved harvested along with Eastwood.

I pray that this truth would be an encouragement to you as you work in the Gospel ministry these days. You may simply plant the Gospel in the hearts of those to whom you minister, some of whom you may never see again on this earth. On the other hand, you might serve in the watering phase of Gospel ministry, helping to grow what somebody else has already planted. Still yet, you might get to serve in that exciting ministry of harvesting, leading that person to Jesus.

Even when we simply plant and water, and later the harvest comes, it's our harvest as well. I'm so glad to be a part of the team. Glory to God!

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Chinese church growing despite persecution

EAST ASIA (BP and local reports) — Alexander and Maggie Kirkpatrick (not their real names) moved to East Asia in 1989, the same year as the Tiananmen Square massacre. Their wedding anniversary shares the same date.

During their 25 years of service, the Kirkpatricks watched China change and the Christian church begin a boom time. The Christian workers say the number of believers in the country is "staggering."

Even though Chinese authorities at every level wage constant battles to suppress Christianity and other religions in the authoritarian, officially-atheist country, "The day where we arrive in a city and we go for months and months and never find a Christian is really gone," Maggie said. "That is a major, major God thing. [We] would pray that the Gospel would take root in the far reaches," said Maggie, recalling their first years on the field.

"We would be disappointed if, after 25 years, we couldn't find any trace of the Gospel in any of the places we've been, but God hasn't disappointed. We can find the results of evangelism and discipleship, even in some of the most far-flung places."

The Kirkpatricks moved to Asia to work in an unengaged and unreached city in western China. In the late 80s and early 90s, western China was the "wild west" — uncharted territory for many Westerners.

"Twenty five years ago, we came here to be the Christians in those cities and to be a presence of Christ in some of those unreached places," Maggie said. As the nation and church were still recovering from Mao Zedong's atheistic Cultural Revolution, "it was very difficult to even find anyone who believed," she added.

"[Believers] were there. They were the remnants of the church prior to the Cultural Revolution. It took time and relationships to find some of those people. In the meantime, we set about breaking new ground and winning the lost," Maggie recalled. "It is many of those people who believed in the early days who are now taking the Gospel forward in China."

Stories and historical tapestries began to unfold as Christian workers in China led people to Christ. "Interestingly, as we've won new people, we began to discover more and more about the church that was left here after the Communist takeover," Maggie said.

"A number of those networks from prior to 1950 are still alive and well and spreading the Gospel not just in China but all over the world."

Believers from 20-30 years ago began new house church streams, sharing the Gospel domestically and internationally. "It is all a God thing; it wasn't our doing that caused a wave of change," Alexander said. "We were just there on the front row, or second row, participating in the joy."

A nation changing

The economic reforms of Deng Xiaoping, who held numerous government positions and was the dominant national political figure from 1977 until his death in 1997, ushered in a new era for the nation, the couple noted. China's economy went from being state-run, to foreign companies being encouraged to joint venture with Chinese companies.

"The younger generation is quickly forgetting what their grandparents' generation went through during the Cultural Revolution," Maggie said. "That era in China, to them, is long ago and far away. Their China is connected to the world."

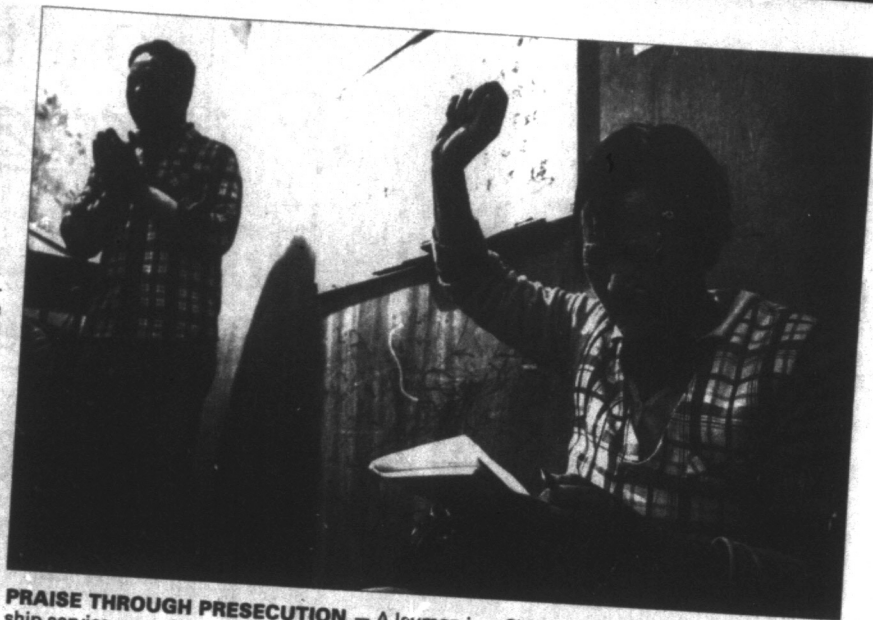
The Kirkpatricks at first had to travel in and out of China from neighboring countries. "It's gone from us not even knowing if we could live in country for long periods, to being here long-term," she said, recalling they even had to use special currency.

The city where they first served is now a major hub for expatriates. Western amenities such as Starbucks, Dolce, Gabbana, Mexican food, and Walmarts are abundant.

The couple remembers when Chinese people lived in work units called a "danwei." People of the same profession would live in the same building. Under the old socialist system, food, housing, and health care were all provided. Now, people are free to live wherever they choose and provide for themselves.

The Kirkpatricks remember big Russian trucks and no private cars. Bicycles were the main form of transportation in the late 80s and early 90s. Now, Lamborghini, Maseratis, and Ferraris tear through the empty night streets, revving their high-dollar engines.

"China has so many millionaires — that was unheard of back then," Maggie said. However, a recent World Bank listed China among the five nations housing the world's poorest people.



PRAISE THROUGH PERSECUTION — A layman in a Chinese house church leads a worship service recently in an undisclosed location somewhere in the officially-atheist country. Communist officials are in the midst of one of the frequent crackdowns in China on Christians and Christian gatherings such as house churches. (BP photo)

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Maggie Kirkpatrick missionary

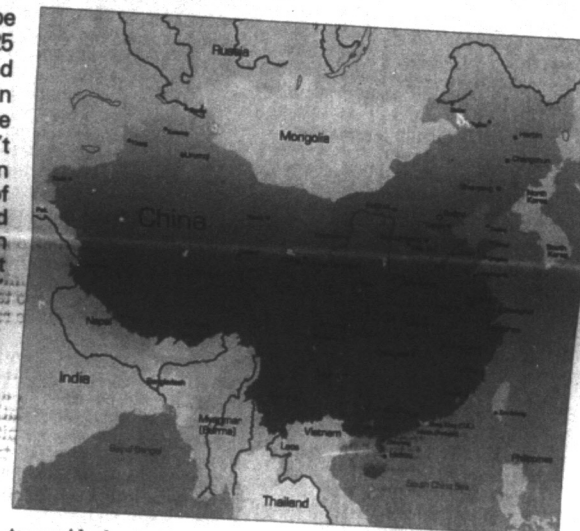
Freedom of travel has also been a major change. The couple recalled when only the Communist Party could get a passport and visa. "From Paris, to Munich to Rio de Janeiro, to Mogadishu; pick a city, [Chinese people] are there," Maggie pointed out.

If there is a sizable population of Chinese people in a city, virtually in every nation in the world, the Gospel is as well, she said. "If they take the Good News with them," Alexander added, "it will be a way to get the Good News out faster."

As the Chinese moved into various cities to find work, cities became a prime place for seeing the Gospel spread. "[The Apostle] Paul was relating to people in the cities," Alexander said. "Cities are still strategic because of... migrants coming to the city to find work."

Migrant workers move frequently, and many of them who are new believers often return to their hometowns and begin spreading the Good News. "[The Gospel] travels back with them to their homes and families," Alexander said.

Alexander said he's partnering with a seminary in the U.S.



to provide theological education for believers.

The role of the Western Christian worker in China has changed, he added. Now, their role is "primarily to come alongside [local] workers, provide training, equipping, encouragement... and eventually finish the task, the Great Commission."

A nation growing

Alexander said he sees parallels between the growth of his own son and daughter and the growth of the church in China. "At first, you need a lot of information on what to do and how to do... As you grow in your walk, you need someone to come along and encourage and work alongside... not as much directive but more supportive," he said.

In addition to providing training, Alexander counsels pastors and leaders on small

group dynamics, investing time into building up the church, and helping believers learn how to cast vision. He challenges Chinese believers to take the Gospel to unreached areas.

Maggie said, "The local brothers and sisters are doing the work. Some of the things they need to accomplish what God is asking them to do are things we can provide."

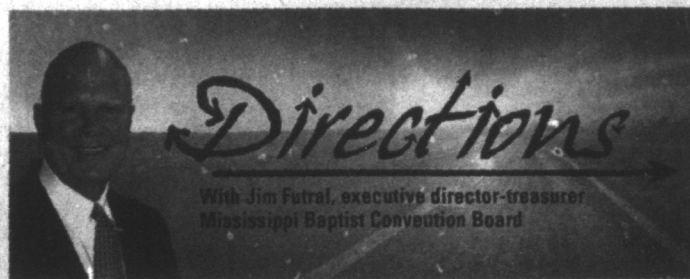
The Chinese church sends its own workers to countries Westerners cannot enter. Chinese believers also founded the Back to Jerusalem movement, a commitment to take the Gospel to unreached areas.

"In 25 years, we've gone from seeing people come to faith, to training them, to seeing them do it themselves," Maggie said.

The next 25 years are an open book for China, The Kirkpatricks say. They pray it will be 25 years saturated with the Bible.

The other day I had an unusual revelation as I stopped and filled up with gas as I was traveling to an engagement. With my tank filled I pulled out onto the highway and reset my odometer. My vehicle keeps up with miles per gallon and so I was resetting the vehicle to keep up with the average miles per gallon that I got as I traveled. After setting it on zero I was traveling downhill for a long period of time maybe a half mile, maybe a quarter of a mile, but I just happened to be watching that number as I traveled downhill and did not need to give the car any gas. The average miles per gallon went from 15 to 20, 35 to 40, 50, 60, 75, 80, 90, 99.9 miles per gallon. I thought to myself that is some powerful gasoline I just got. 99.9 miles per gallon is as high as the car computes, but it was not because of the gasoline I had just bought but because I was going downhill all the way. It suddenly occurred to me that if all the roads that I traveled on were downhill, I probably would never have to buy any more gas. Then I thought what a great idea for the government to embrace and tell engineers only to design roads that go downhill so that people will not have to buy gasoline, pollute the air, and truly the whole world could be green I guess. It's a silly thought but it passed through my brain. The problem is all of life is not downhill. Within four or five miles the average that it jumped up to 99.9 miles per gallon had come back down and was again in the mid-20 range.

There is a principle of truth that needs to be kept in mind that all of us could learn from and that is when life goes up the mountain, when our living experiences get rough, when the



If All of Life Was Downhill

tough days of life seem to mount up it calls for more and more of our energy and our reserves and in fact it is not easy. Do we want life to be easy? I guess at certain times all of us would answer and say, "Well, yes." Or at least easier than we have it right now or easier than the really tough days. It sure would help, but then on the other hand, there are no great achievements, no high mountains scaled or heavenly adventures taken that do not require a great deal from whoever we may be. Life is not easy. To get anywhere, to accomplish anything, to make it up the mountains of life is going to require some expenditure of energy, resources, time, and commitment. It is true in every arena of life.

It is true professionally. Through the years I have known of some people who seemed to be tremendously gifted by God with intellectual capacity. They can see something written and they've got it. Hear something and it is theirs

forever. But while learning comes easy, they also learn that they can not apply themselves and get along okay. So they march off into life not giving their best — their best effort, their greatest commitment or a bulldog determination. They had so much that they could be slouchy or slothful and get by, in fact do well for a while at least. And then one day they find themselves competing in life with people who are not as sharp as they are but they worked hard and applied themselves. Maybe they find themselves surrounded by people who are not as gifted and certainly not as smart, but they gave what some people might describe as 110% and now they are excelling.

The reality is, and dramatically demonstrated as I rolled down that hill and had great miles per gallon average, you cannot coast in life. There will be mountains to climb. The same is true not only professionally but personally. If you spend most of your life eating

out of other folks' dishes with a silver spoon, one day there will be a shocking awakening. You may have known some of these folks, men and women, who rolled down life's hillside to the point where they felt entitled to everything. At times there may have been people around them who felt they were entitled also, parents or supporters or promoters, but for everyone there will come a day when you stand at a place and at a time when you face the difficult slopes that must be climbed and the hard days that cannot be escaped and you may not know where to turn.

Jesus did not have life easy and on a silver platter but even so He came to one of those moments where life was a crushing experience there in the garden. He prayed, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). He was willing but He was also able to embrace life's hardest struggle by trusting in the Father. You and I can also.

I can assure you that there are personal times when you will be empty of all of the power resources you ever knew except for the Lord Himself, and while you may not feel like you can go one step more uphill, He will be there to lift you up and take you another step and another and another. His reserves never run dry. May you have some wonderful days when the landscape of your life has some long, downhill coasting moments. But when you start back up the mountain and you are tired and almost empty, trust God and He will fill you and lift you and love you every moment of the way.

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Revivals & Homecomings

- **Concord Church, Booneville:** Revival, Aug. 10 - 14; Sun., 6 p.m.; Mon. - Thurs., 7 p.m.; Rex Yancey, speaker. Fellowship meal, 5 p.m.; Robert E. Walker, pastor.
- **Alrport Church, Grenada:** Revival, Aug. 10 - 13; Sun. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Mike Holcomb, speaker; special music nightly; John Lancaster, pastor.
- **Liberty Church, Kemper County:** Homecoming, Aug. 10; services, 11 a.m., followed by dinner; Albert McMullen, speaker; revival, Aug. 11 - 13; dinner, 6 p.m.; worship, 7 p.m.; Malcolm Lewis, speaker.
- **Whitesand Church, Prentiss:** Homecoming, Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch; Gerald Aultman, speaker; Dale Townsend, speaker.
- **Escatawpa Church, Escatawpa:** Revival, Aug. 8 - 10; Fri. - Sat., luncheon services 11:30 a.m.; evening services, 7 p.m.; Sun., 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Don DuNavant, speaker; Steve & Becky Carver, music.
- **Union Hall Church, Brookhaven:** Revival, Aug. 10 - 13; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Stuart Givens, speaker; Hubert Greer, music.
- **Concord Church, Ackerman:** Homecoming, Aug. 10; service, 11 a.m., followed by lunch; Thomas Coleman, speaker; Irby Ford, music; Roger Griffith, pastor.
- **Lanrip Church, Bruce:** Revival, Aug. 10 - 13, 7 p.m.; Larry Wicker, Gerald Finley, Pete Gregory, and Truman Carter, speakers; J.D. Long, music; Deanna Wooten, pianist; Robert Earl Alexander, pastor.
- **Becker Church, Becker:** 100th anniversary celebration; guest speakers each Sunday, 11 a.m.; Aug. 10, Burnette Fielder; Aug. 17, Wesley Stephens; Aug. 24, 100th homecoming celebration Sunday; services, 10 a.m., followed by noon meal; David Jay, speaker; Sonlight Singers, music.
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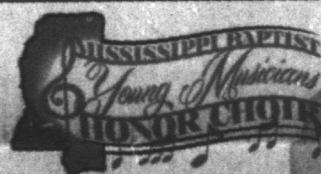
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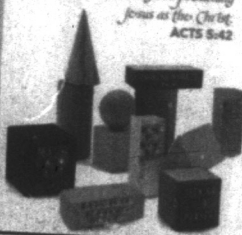
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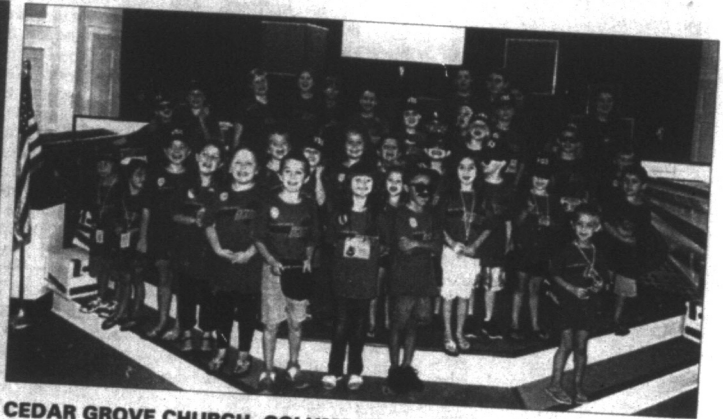
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Vacation Bible School



CENTER RIDGE CHURCH, YAZOO CITY: July 12 - 13; 37 attending; Diane Martin and Julie Duell, directors.



CEDAR GROVE CHURCH, COLUMBIA: shown are participants.



SCOTLAND CHURCH, CARROLL-MONTGOMERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION: average attendance, 25, with seven professions of faith.



LIBERTY HILL CHURCH, POPE: June 8 - 13; average attendance, 78 nightly; Derrick Simmons, pastor and director; Tammy Smith, assistant.



PELAHATCHIE CHURCH, PELAHATCHIE: July 20 - 24; volunteers built a stairway to heaven.



(AT LEFT) THE GIRLS OF CALVARY CHURCH, SILVER CREEK, won a coin competition for VBS, raising over \$600 for the Baptist Children's Village. The girls (with the boys help), sprayed pastor Trey Spangler with 70 cans of Silly String.



TOOMSOOBA CHURCH, LAUDERDALE ASSOCIATION: Enrollment, 83; two professions of faith and two baptisms; Kellie Johnson, director; David Caves, pastor.

College News

► Eight William Carey University sports were recently named 2013-2014 Scholar Teams by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), with softball earning the top spot among fellow NAIA softball programs. The softball team was also the highest-ranking team for WCU with a 3.71 team grade point average. Other Scholar-Teams for WCU are women's tennis (3.49), women's cross country (3.27), women's soccer (3.19), women's basketball (3.08), men's soccer (3.01), men's tennis

(3.00) and men's cross country (3.00). WCU also had 27 NAIA Daktronics Scholar-Athletes and 58 Southern States Athletic Conference Scholar-Athletes. Overall, WCU Athletics had a 3.09 GPA last season.

► Barbara Childers McMillin, president of Blue Mountain College, was recently elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities at its annual meeting in Charleston, S.C.

CONFLICT

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Christians - Baptists justified the Kiev uprising by citing Christian Martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer's opposition to Adolf Hitler's Jewish genocide.

The Ukrainian Baptists justified their rebellion by explaining that they could do nothing other than to support their nation. In an interview with the [RUECB] news service, the president of the Ukrainian Baptists [Valery Antoniuk] explained the church finds its strength and standing on the side of truth," Wardin said.

Antoniuk told the news service, "If a people speaks the truth, seeks justice, wishes freedom from corruption and desires honest living, then Christians are always called to support that. We can never serve the people adequately if we do not love the land in which God has ordained us to be born and to serve."

Antoniuk quoted Bonhoeffer, who said in opposing Hitler, "Obedience to tyrants is equal to disobedience towards God."

"It's sad," Wardin said. "Two

Baptist groups, the same denomination... they look upon themselves as brothers, and then yet they take such different political views.

"Is it right to rebel? Well, the Russian Baptist union says no, and the Ukrainian Baptist union says yes, because this was an unjust and corrupt regime [in Ukraine], and so you have the two sides," Wardin said. "I think they do have a good respect [for one another], the presidents of the two unions, yet they're taking two different positions."

Top Moscow Baptist leadership has expressed a positive relationship with Antoniuk, Yoder told Wardin, referencing a statement by Antoniuk deputy and Ukrainian pastor Igor Bandura voicing optimism.

"We [believers] possess the

light of Christ," Bandura is quoted on the RUECB website. "If we Christians in Russian and Ukraine watch the flow of information very closely and sift out the false, we will in the end arrive at the objective 'truth.' This will unite us anew; blessing and unity will be the final outcome."

The relationship between Russian and Ukrainian Baptists became strained after the Ukrainian uprising unseated pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich in February, with pro-Russian forces subsequently overthrowing leaders in eastern Ukraine.

Despite the May election of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and pro-Ukrainian leaders in central and western Ukraine, pro-Russian nationalistic rebels continue aggression in eastern Ukraine.

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3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)
If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

Radical Faith: Tell It Like It Is • Daniel 5:1-6, 16-17, 23-28

God was already at work to end Babylonian rule and He chose to let King Belshazzar know about it in the most unusual way. Belshazzar mocked God by partying with the Temple cups and implements. God will not be mocked, however. Before a thousand of his lords King Belshazzar paraded Babylon's victory over Judah forty-eight years before. Daniel 5:4 reads, "They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." (KJV).

Suddenly the hand of God showed up and began to write on a wall in front of everyone. The King, of course, was terrified. Daniel 5:6 reveals, "Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." (KJV). The God that he had mocked in his ignorance showed up and demonstrated the depth of King Belshazzar's ignorance.

None of the King's wise men understood the writings nor could they interpret it. The queen remembered that a Jewish man Daniel had interpreted dreams and visions for Belshazzar's father Nebuchadnezzar and reminded the King about him. He called for Daniel and offered him a huge reward to interpret the events. Dan-

iel refused his reward but told him what the handwriting on the wall meant.

The Bible scholars tell us that the four words that the Lord wrote on the wall were Aramaic, though each word also had a meaning in the Babylonian language as well. The Babylonian words MENE, MENE, TECKEL, UPHARSIN translate something like PENNY, PENNY, SILVER DOLLAR, HALF PENNY.

Their

MENE was their smallest denomination of coins and was also used for counting. TECKEL was the Babylonian word for Shekel, which was a silver coin used as a standard weight in a balance scale. The PHARSIN was a half MENE. The Lord gave Daniel understanding and so he understood not only what the words were in Aramaic but what they meant to the King.

In Aramaic, however, these words are past perfect verbs meaning counted, weighed, lacking and divided. God gave

Daniel a message for the King. His kingdom had been measured, weighed in the balances, found lacking, and would that very night be divided between the Medes and the Persians. All of this was because of King Belshazzar's arrogance and unwillingness to humble himself before the one true God, according to Daniel. We now know from history that in October 539 BC the Medes and the Persians took over the Babylonian empire in one night.

According to the Greek historian Herodotus, the Persians waited until there

was going to be a great national feast, the same one referred to in this passage, and diverted the Euphrates River upstream. This lowered the water level enough that they could come into the impenetrable city through the River bed and take it suddenly. They caught the Babylonians unprepared. While these events surprised the Babylonians, God knew all about them

because He had already judged this kingdom and found it wanting.

When Daniel confronted King Belshazzar about his pride, he referred to the hand of God that wrote on the wall, saying in Daniel 5:23, "But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven... and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified," (KJV). David boldly announced to the King that the very hand that he saw writing on the wall held the King's breath in it and that the King's breath would expire that very night.

Everything occurred as the Lord had revealed it to King Belshazzar and was interpreted by Daniel. Though King Belshazzar thought he was in complete control, his days were numbered. Like him we often think that we are in complete charge of our own lives. We too will all be judged by God's hand, the very hand that holds our breath in it. Hebrews 9:27 reads, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," (KJV). Don't wait until you see the handwriting on the wall. Humble yourself before God now and serve the Almighty.

Henson is pastor of Oakdale Church, Brandon.



Explore the Bible
with Rick Henson

Joyful Faith • 1 Peter 4:12-19

In the mid 90's Ellen Stamps, Corrie ten Boom's personal assistant, spoke at a women's event hosted by Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Madison, Mississippi. Afterwards a small group of ladies and me had the wonderful privilege of spending time with her. As we were talking, she reached over to a small spiral notebook, randomly tore out a page, and handed it to me. I remember looking at Ellen with total disbelief, because that spiral notebook had belonged to Corrie ten Boom. Inside were her notes for speeches she had given around the world. Holding page 18 in my hand I read the following Scriptures Corrie had written in blue and red ink, front and back: 1 Peter 4:12-13; 1 Peter 4:14; 1 Peter 4:18; Gal. 5:22; and 2 Peter 3:14. Corrie and her sister Betsie took Peter's instruction with them as they endured extreme persecution in the women's Nazi prison camp at Ravensbruck. They committed the crime of loving Jews. Corrie's life exemplified joyful faith in the midst of persecution. Would the same be said of us if persecution knocked on our door because of our belief in Christ?

There are four attitudes we are to have regarding suffering for the sake of Christ. Do not be surprised, expect it, the Apostle Peter reminds his readers in verse 12-be

prepared for it. Ellen Stamps said one of the things she learned while being with Corrie was to pray this simple sentence, "Prepare me for what You have planned for me." This is why it is essential we daily feed upon the Word of God and hide it in our hearts. Our personal relationship with Jesus Christ is to be growing deeper each day, depending upon the Holy Spirit to equip and empower us. Be prepared

to encourage and help others as they go through persecution as well.

In the film, Corrie ten Boom: A Faith Undeclared, she speaks of the time in Ravensbruck when she and Betsie had been stripped naked and made to walk before the Nazi guards. She said, "The first time was the worst. I've never felt so humbled, so miserable, so cold. When I stood there and Betsie, my sister stood beside me I said: 'Betsie, I cannot bear this. This is so terrible.' And I thought that I would break under the bur-

den of suffering. And then suddenly it was as if I saw Jesus at the cross. And the Bible says they took His garments; He hanged there naked. And by my own suffering I understood only a fraction of the suffering of Jesus." Her statement is an excellent illustration of what it means "to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ." Then Peter writes, your attitude is to "keep on rejoicing" (vs.13), because when Christ

comes again "His glory is revealed"—we will rejoice indeed. Our joy in suffering here is a prelude of what is to come.

"If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you" (vs. 14 NASB). God will never leave us or forsake us. The Spirit of glory is the Holy Spirit and it rests upon you through the suffering. This is the blessing.

In the final section of today's lesson, 1 Peter 4:15-19, we are to evaluate the cause

of our suffering because this affects our attitude. A Christian should never be involved in being a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler. Instead our suffering should come to us because we are Christians (GK. Christiansos, "little Christ"). The name we bear, Christian, should bring glory to His name. We are His ambassadors. Judgment is to begin within the four walls of the church and it will be a refining process as He disciplines His children (Heb. 12:7). Then those who do not believe or obey will face God's fury and judgment.

The final attitude is to entrust our suffering to God. This literally means "deposit, commit, or commend to another's charge". Have you ever noticed that no matter what the subject is we always go back to the word "trust"? A faithful Creator means God is sovereign and He knows the suffering you must endure.

On the back of the page, Corrie had written, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face; And the things of this earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." (text by Helen H. Lemmel). This is the key to suffering!

Leathers is a member of First Church, Madison.

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SUPER SUMMER

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said Ken Hall, event coordinator and consultant in the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "That's why we ask churches to send only the students who have taken leadership positions for Christ in their local

churches and communities."

About 1,300 of those leaders attended 2014 Super Summer, Hall said.

Even the Super Summer staff members are carefully chosen, according to Hall. "Super Summer teaching staff is comprised of student ministers within our state and are recruited by our Super Summer Executive Committee."

Members of the 2014 Super

Summer Executive Committee included:

- James Reardon, Bay St. Louis.
- Chris Thomas, Aberdeen.
- Neil Tullios, Jackson.
- Jon Cooper, Meridian.
- Kenny Stanteen, Clinton.
- Todd Core, Columbus.
- Jennifer Smith, Clinton.
- Sue McAllister, Tupelo.
- Jeremy Stroo, Petal.
- J.D. Simpson, Hattiesburg.

"I want to thank the committee, our state's youth ministers, Mississippi College, and everyone who participated in making 2014 Super summer a memorable event for all involved," Hall said.

Next year's edition of Super Summer will be held July 13-17 at Mississippi College in Clinton. Super Summer is sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministry Depart-

ment of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The event is supported each year by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program.

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Just for the Record



The **CALVARY CHURCH, BOGUE CHITTO**, youth girls attended the Jobe/Christine Caine Event at Pinelake Church. Jason and Jenny Leggett, youth ministers; Hal Hatten, pastor.



RIVERPORT CHURCH, GREENVILLE, celebrated the 28th anniversary of pastor Neal Cordell July 27. He is shown with his wife, Sharon. Sunday School classes recognized him with thanks and testimonies, and the church presented him with a love offering, with a fellowship and anniversary dinner following the morning services.

ZION CHURCH, PONTOTOC, held a commissioning service for Cody and Kayla Harville May 18. The Harvilles went on a mission trip to the Philippines, teaching VBS to children and adults at Shekinah Glory Church. Robert Armstrong, pastor.



The widows of **RIVER BEND CHURCH, ABERDEEN**, were honored with a luncheon July 17. Grace Reeves, special guest.



A group of Mississippi Baptists attended the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf in Leesburg, Fla. Shown, front, are Ann Mahiscalco, Rachel Patterson, and Edith Booth; back, Ryan McDonald, Ann Cothern, and Jim Booth.



Youth from **BETHEL CHURCH, LIBERTY**, participated in a mission trip to Alaska. The students worked various projects from cleaning up debris at a worksite, hanging sheetrock in a new home church in Anchorage, and working on a home in Soldotna.



Girls from **MT. OLIVET CHURCH, SCOTT COUNTY**, attended camp at Garaywa Camp and conference center. Shown, front, are Maddie Pierce, Mollie Chambers, Eady Sparks, Candice Crain, and Leah Harrison; back, Karlee Polk, Kate Betts, Bailey Prestage, Meagan King, and Brook Harrison.



NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, OXFORD, youth hosted the annual Kidz Kamp July 14 - 18. Average attendance, 72; 4 decisions for Christ.

In other Church News:

➤ **First Church, Runnelstown**, will host The Talleys in concert Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. Love offering. For more information, call (601) 583-3733.

➤ **First Church, Eupora**, will host the One Way Quartet Aug. 9. Church soloists will open at 6:30 p.m. Love offering.